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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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All Wheat Production Is Up

All wheat production in 1961 is forecast at 1,343 million bushels, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 1 percent below last year but 23 percent above average.

Bumper Winter Wheat Crop

Combining of the bumper 1961 winter wheat crop started in good time and has progressed at a normal rate. Harvest began in the Texas Low Plains in mid-May and, following the lower altitudes, gradually progressed northwestward and reached into north-central Oklahoma by early June. Production is forecast at 1,121 million bushels, 3 million bushels above last year and a third above average. The forecast shows an increase of 25 million bushels from a month ago. This was largely because of an increase in the Great Plains production, which was only partially offset by a decline in the Pacific Northwest.

Moisture Conditions Over the Nation

Moisture conditions are generally good in the eastern half of the Nation. Northern plains areas are deficient in subsoil moisture and southern Texas is getting very dry. Stored water supplies are below average in Nevada, Utah, and southern California and streamflow is expected to be less than usual. Late season water shortages could develop if heavy usage is necessary. Excessive moisture and low temperatures plagued the area from Mississippi to South Carolina while lowlands flooding along the Mississippi and tributary valleys retarded and damaged crop prospects. Southern Florida received some rain but still needs moisture for non-irrigated crops.

May Farm Work Force Under 1960

About 2 percent fewer farm workers were busy on the Nation's farms during the May survey week than a year earlier. The estimated total of 7.6 million persons, nevertheless, was a high thus far for the year and an increase of 10 percent over the April survey week.

Farm Workday Still Long

About June 1 the reported average length of farm work-day for farm operators was 10.5 hours--virtually the same as the 10.6 hours reported for this date in both 1960 and 1959.

The average work-day for hired workers was reported at 9.2 hours compared with 9.3 hours about June 1, 1960 and 1959.

Orange Crop Smaller Than In 1960

The 1960-61 orange crop, estimated at 118 million boxes, is 7 percent smaller than last year and 3 percent below average. Approximately 82 percent of the crop had been harvested by June 1, while last year 85 percent had been harvested by this time. An estimated 21.3 million boxes of Valencias remained for harvest after June 1 this year compared with 18.9 million a year ago.

Florida Valencias were late maturing this season; thus harvest will end later than usual. Slightly more than three-fourths of the Valencias had been picked by June 1.

In California less than one-fourth of the Valencias had been picked by June 1 which is about in line with the last two years. California Valencias will furnish most of the summer and early fall oranges. Harvest of California's crop is expected to end earlier than usual because of early maturity.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	Apr. 15 1961	May 15 1961	Based on data for May 1961
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	29.44	29.56	38.96
Wheat (bu.)..... dol.	1.74	1.76	2.39
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.86	4.67	6.04
Corn (bu.)..... dol.	.965	1.02	1.62
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	10.3	11.4	13.0
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Milkfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	60.5	60.4	75.2
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	4.01	13.89	5.13
Wool (lb.)..... ct.	241.1	242.5	75.2
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.)..... dol.	.847	.875	1.25
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	--	--	62.80
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	2.75	2.75	3.81
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	20.00	19.80	25.40
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.581	.598	.843
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	1.86	1.78	2.47
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.825	.841	1.48
Sorghum grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.48	1.56	2.48
Soybeans (bu.)..... dol.	3.02	2.96	2.90
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	5.47	6.26	5.65
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	2.99	3.23	2.41
Apples, for fresh use (bu.)..... dol.	2.86	3.22	2.60
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	20.60	19.80	23.80
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	24.10	23.60	26.30
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.90	16.00	21.40
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	16.10	15.60	25.30
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	14.8	14.1	25.2
Eggs (dozen)..... ct.	33.4	32.0	47.1

¹ Preliminary.

² Does not include incentive payment.

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Spring Vegetable Prospects Below Average

Combined production of spring vegetables and melons is expected to be 8 percent less than 1960 and 6 percent below average. Compared with last year, indicated spring vegetable output is down 6 percent while melon production is 14 percent less. Spring crops showing substantially smaller crops than last year are lettuce, onions, asparagus, sweet corn, snap beans, and green peppers. All spring melons, except honey dews, are considerably under last year.

Expected higher production of cabbage, tomatoes, and spinach only partially offset the declines in other vegetables. Production of summer vegetables and melons estimated to date, comprising nearly one-half of total summer output, is indicated to be 12 percent less than last year. Lettuce, onions, and watermelons are expected to have considerably smaller summer production.

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1960		1961		
	May	Year	March	April	May
	mil.	mil.	mil.	mil.	mil.
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) ¹	61.4	61.0	60.5	60.7	61.2
Farm employment	7.7	7.1	6.0	6.9	7.6
Family	5.8	5.2	4.7	5.3	5.6
Hired	2.0	1.9	1.3	1.6	2.0
Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)					
Industrial production ²	167	164	155	160	164
Total personal income payments ³	199	199	202	202	--
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	172	170	158	160	164
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	172	172	171	173	175
Wholesale prices, all commodities ⁴	120	120	120	119	119
Farm commodities	90	89	90	88	87
Food, processed	107	108	110	109	108
Consumer price index ⁴	126	126	128	128	--
Food	120	120	121	121	--
Index numbers (1910-14 = 100) ⁵					
Prices received by farmers	240	238	243	239	236
Crops	225	221	224	226	230
Food grains	209	203	208	202	203
Feed grains and hay	158	151	150	145	151
Cotton	247	254	240	249	250
Tobacco	495	500	516	516	517
Oil bearing crops	218	214	264	286	285
Fruit	217	236	260	250	261
Commercial vegetables	248	227	217	228	233
Livestock and products	252	253	259	251	241
Meat animals	309	296	309	305	292
Dairy products	237	259	256	247	241
Poultry and eggs	154	160	160	145	139
Prices paid by farmers:					
All commodities	277	275	277	277	277
Used in living	291	290	290	290	291
Used in production	267	265	269	267	266
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index)	301	299	302	302	302
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted ..	649	631	635	647	647
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index)	80	80	80	79	78

¹Bureau of the Census.

²Federal Reserve Board.

³Department of Commerce.

⁴Bureau of Labor Statistics--
any figures not available at press
time omitted.

⁵Prices received indexes revised, Published in May 1961 Agriculture
Prices.

Potato Crop Up 1 Percent

The 1961 late spring potato crop is forecast at 27.6 million hundredweight, less than 1 percent above the 1960 production and 14 percent above average. Prospects are up about 1 percent from a month earlier. Larger crops forecast in Arizona and North Carolina were partially offset by a decline in South Carolina.

The first forecast of the 1961 early summer crop places prospects at 14.1 million hundredweight, 6 percent below 1960 but 13 percent above average. Larger production than in 1960 is indicated in California, Texas, Maryland, and Kansas, but these increases were more than offset by smaller crops in Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

The early spring production is placed at 4.5 million hundredweight--practically no change from a month ago. Harvest in the Hastings area of Florida was about 95 percent completed by June 1. Most of the remaining acreage, estimated to be around 1,000-1,500 acres, was scheduled to be dug before June 10. Quality generally has been good.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan.-Apr. 1960	Jan.-Apr. 1961
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk	Bil. lb.	153.3	153.5
Evaporated whole milk	Mil. lb.	641.7	662.0
Dry Nonfat milk solids (for human food)	Mil. lb.	664.4	690.2
Butter, creamery	Mil. lb.	499.9	505.0
Cheese, American	Mil. lb.	298.8	361.1
Ice cream	Mil. gal.	203.3	201.3
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs	Billions	127.4	126.7
Poultry meat ²	Mil. lb.	1,597	1,806
Canned poultry	Mil. lb.	110.0	190.3
Liquid egg	Mil. lb.	216.9	218.4
Dried egg (egg solids)	Mil. lb.	16.5	18.3
Frozen egg	Mil. lb.	141.7	130.5
Chicks hatched, total ³	Millions	1,193.8	1,338.8
Chicks hatched, broiler ³	Millions	863.5	978.7
Poults hatched ³	Millions	56.7	71.9
Heavy breeds	Millions	5.2	6.3
Light breeds	Millions		
<u>Meat Production²</u> (dressed weight)			
Beef	Mil. lb.	4,552	4,695
Veal	Mil. lb.	310	309
Pork	Mil. lb.	3,889	3,569
Lamb and mutton	Mil. lb.	248	281
Total red meat	Mil. lb.	8,999	8,854
<u>Slaughter²</u>			
Cattle	1,000 head	7,834	8,033
Calves	1,000 head	2,609	2,569
Hogs	1,000 head	28,749	25,907
Sheep and lambs	1,000 head	4,993	5,592

¹January-May

²Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

³By commercial hatcheries.

Last Year's Sugar Crops (Revised)

Production of sugar beets for sugar in 1960 totaled about 16.4 million tons. This is second only to the 17 million tons produced in 1959, the highest of record, and compares with the 1949-58 average of 12.6 million tons. The average yield of the 1960 crop was 17.2 tons per acre, while the previous year's record high yield per acre was 18.8 tons.

Production of sugarcane for sugar during 1960 in Continental United States totaled 7.1 million tons--the largest tonnage since 1953 and the third largest of record. The 1960 crop compares with 6.8 million tons produced in 1959 and the average of 6.5 million tons of the 1949-58 period. Yields in 1960 averaged 23.5 tons per acre, slightly above the 23.1 tons realized in 1959.

Milk Slightly Up For May

Milk production in the United States in May is estimated at 12,278 million pounds, about 1 percent more than in May 1960.

Production increased 10 percent from April to May, compared with the 10-year average increase of 15 percent between these months. For the first 5 months of 1961, milk production totaled one-half of one percent more than in 1960.

Milk production per cow in herds kept by crop reporters averaged 25.32 pounds on June 1, about 2 percent above the previous record high for the date set in 1960.

Egg Production For May Drops 2 Percent

Farm flocks laid 5,535 million eggs during May, 2 percent less than in May 1960. Decreases were 8 percent in the East North Central, 7 percent in the West North Central, and 6 percent in the North Atlantic regions. These were partially offset by increases of 5 percent in the South Central and West and 3 percent in the South Atlantic States. Aggregate egg production, January through May, was 3 percent below the same period of 1960.

Fewer Layers

Laying flocks averaged 283,614,000 layers during May, about 2 percent below May 1960. Decreases from a year earlier of 6 percent in the East North Central and in the West North Central and 5 percent in the North Atlantic more than offset increases of 7 percent in the West, and 3 percent in the South Atlantic and in the South Central States.

Lower Poultry and Egg Prices

Producers received an average of 32.0 cents per dozen for eggs in mid-May, down 1.4 cents from a month earlier and down 1.1 cents per dozen from a year earlier.

In mid-May commercial broilers averaged 14.4 cents, the lowest of record for this date.

Farm chickens averaged 11.2 cents which also was the lowest of record for this date.

Turkey prices in mid-May averaged 21.5 cents per pound live weight, compared with 26.1 a year earlier and the lowest for the date since May 1942.

Fairly Good Hay Season

June 1 conditions point to a reasonably good hay season this year. The June 1 condition of all hay crops was 85 percent--2 points below June 1 a year ago, but 1 point above the 10-year average. Conditions improved during May in the South Central and South Atlantic regions, but declined slightly in the West. Conditions in the North Central and North Atlantic sections showed no change from the favorable outlook of a month earlier.

Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings, by States, April 1961¹

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine	9,303	9,052	18,355
New Hampshire.....	3,705	908	4,613
Vermont.....	8,431	1,802	10,233
Massachusetts.....	8,202	5,701	13,903
Rhode Island.....	1,285	581	1,866
Connecticut.....	7,695	8,222	15,917
New York.....	52,197	16,807	69,004
New Jersey.....	13,501	8,473	21,974
Pennsylvania.....	48,642	15,805	64,447
Ohio.....	47,876	22,765	70,641
Indiana.....	55,018	21,577	76,595
Illinois.....	89,959	56,986	146,945
Michigan.....	33,440	15,152	48,592
Wisconsin.....	91,135	6,725	97,860
Minnesota.....	89,978	19,206	109,184
Iowa.....	143,301	25,081	168,382
Missouri.....	57,844	11,224	69,068
North Dakota.....	10,398	10,225	20,623
South Dakota.....	31,946	7,078	39,024
Nebraska.....	53,381	21,177	74,558
Kansas.....	54,542	25,050	79,592
Delaware.....	6,122	1,454	7,576
Maryland.....	15,353	6,493	21,846
Virginia.....	20,574	5,398	25,972
West Virginia.....	6,545	1,139	7,684
North Carolina.....	24,967	13,139	38,106
South Carolina.....	8,773	4,273	13,046
Georgia.....	36,544	6,404	42,948
Florida.....	17,367	76,289	93,656
Kentucky.....	23,986	2,990	26,976
Tennessee.....	20,269	3,248	23,517
Alabama.....	23,927	3,869	27,796
Mississippi.....	20,450	3,956	24,406
Arkansas.....	19,219	6,343	25,562
Louisiana.....	11,855	5,965	17,820
Oklahoma.....	24,191	3,896	28,087
Texas.....	91,417	17,667	109,084
Montana.....	12,650	9,028	21,678
Idaho.....	14,948	10,839	25,787
Wyoming.....	6,762	1,006	7,768
Colorado.....	37,353	11,285	48,638
New Mexico.....	7,714	1,263	8,977
Arizona.....	15,190	11,907	27,097
Utah.....	10,511	1,234	11,745
Nevada.....	2,205	110	2,315
Washington.....	17,296	13,079	30,375
Oregon.....	13,121	4,730	17,851
California.....	97,596	81,254	178,850
United States.....	1,518,684	617,855	2,136,539
Total U. S., Jan.-April.....	6,274,676	3,485,955	9,760,631
Same period, year ago.....	5,911,379	3,192,631	9,104,010

¹ All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts From Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketing, United States¹

	April 1961	May 1961
CASH RECEIPTS:	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
Total marketings and CCC loans ²	2,136	2,300
Livestock and products	1,518	1,700
Meat animals	822	
Dairy products	417	
Poultry and eggs	249	
Other	30	
Crops	618	600
Food grains	60	
Feed crops	162	
Cotton (lint and seed)	12	
Oil-bearing crops	47	
Tobacco	11	
Vegetables	115	
Fruits and tree nuts	80	
Other	131	
Government payments	34	
Grand total	2,170	
	1947-49 = 100	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:		
All commodities	97	106
Livestock and products	130	147
Crops	53	52

¹ For Comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. ² Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost ¹	Farm value ²	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1960 average	1,052	\$408	\$644	39%
1960 Apr.	1,053	416	637	40%
1961 Mar.	1,068	414	654	39%
1961 Apr.	1,069	408	661	38%

¹ Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

² Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Tobacco Growth Delayed

Growth of tobacco was reported about a week behind normal in the Carolinas. In Florida, a few fields of flue-cured tobacco were harvested at the end of May with harvest becoming general the first week in June. Tobacco setting was started in mid-May in Virginia and was well along by the end of the month. Setting was behind normal in Kentucky due to delays in ground preparations. Plants were plentiful in contrast to a year ago when late plant-bed development held up transplanting.

Deciduous Fruit Production Up

Production of deciduous fruits for 1961 is expected to be greater than last year and well above average. The June 1 forecast indicates more peaches and sweet cherries than last year, the same sized crop of pears, but fewer apricots.

More Apples Than in 1960

The June 1 condition of apples indicates that the 1961 commercial crop of apples will be considerably larger than last year and above average. In the Eastern States the outlook is for a crop up sharply from last year and about the size of the 1958 and 1959 crops, which were well above average. The outlook in Central States is above both last year and average. For the Western States a larger crop than last year is in the making although still below average.

Grapefruit 88 Percent Harvested by June 1

The grapefruit crop is estimated at 42.6 million boxes, 2 percent above last year and equal to the 10-year average. With 88 percent of the crop harvested by June 1, there were still 5 million boxes to be picked, while a year ago at the same date only 2.8 million boxes remained unharvested.



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